

July 26, 2022

Hon. Denise A. Hartman
Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County
Albany County Courthouse
16 Eagle Street
Albany, New York 12227

Re: Hoffman, et al. v. The New York State Redistricting Commission, et al.; No. 904972-22

Dear Justice Hartman:

The undersigned are three of the Respondents in the above captioned action. We are writing in response to the pending Order to Show Cause dated July 20, 2022 (Dkt. 39).

On July 21, 2022, we received notification that the Attorney General had determined that her office would not provide representation to the undersigned in the above-captioned lawsuit. The Attorney General certified to the State Comptroller under N.Y. Public Officers Law Section 17 that the undersigned are entitled to be represented by private counsel in this lawsuit subject to the condition that the three of us be represented by the same private counsel. We are in the process of engaging counsel, however counsel has not yet been retained to act on our behalf.

We are aware of the Court's Order to Show Cause, including the July 27 deadline for Respondents to serve answering papers on Petitioners' counsel. We are writing to inform the Court and Petitioners' counsel that the undersigned Respondents do not object to Petitioners' request for "leave . . . to amend their Verified Petition and file and serve an Amended Verified Petition." See Dkt. 39, ¶ 1. Nor do we object to their request for authorization for substituted service. *Id.* ¶ 2.

As soon as we are able to retain counsel to act on our behalf, we will inform the Court and counsel will enter an appearance.

Sincerely,

David Imamura, Chair, New York Independent Redistricting Commission
Ivelisse Cuevas-Molina, Commissioner, New York Independent Redistricting Commission
Elaine Frazier, Commissioner, New York Independent Redistricting Commission